



Ruins of Old Pecos Mission

ANCIENT PUEBLOS AND MISSIONS OF NEW MEXICO

(By Paul A. F. Walter)

Several of the most beautiful mission ruins in the southwest are located in the country tributary to Mountainair, Torrance County. The nearest to that thriving settlement is Quarai, where the School of American Research some years ago carried on excavations. The founders of the Mountainair Chautauqua, including J. W. Corbett, J. P. Dunlavy and William McCoy, had purchased the site and donated it to the Museum, but other claimants to the title brought suit against the state and secured judgment in their favor, so that these spectacular ruins are now in private hands. Quarai was one of the Cities that Died of Fear, or, as Dr. Lumis puts it, one of "The Cities that were Forgotten." The ancient settlement lies at the foot of the Manzano Mountains and less than a mile from Punta de Agua. The mission ruins are visible for miles as one approaches from the south, the north, or the east. The beauty of the location grows more striking the nearer one approaches. At the foot of the mound under which lies the ancient settlement, springs bubble from the earth and vegetation is profuse. The great cottonwoods hanging over the shimmering pools of water, harbor many varieties of birds. The sanctuary itself still gives evidence of its former massiveness and majesty. It was somewhere around 1675 that Quarai was abandoned, the cause being the fear of attacks from the Comanches and other Indians who roved over that part of the southwest. The church had two towers and measured 50x104 feet. The adjoining convent occupied a space of 49x58 feet.

Like the pueblo, the structure was built of sandstone slabs and silvers, and according to Benavidez, it was the women of the pueblo who built the churches as well as the houses. The pueblo rose in terraces three and perhaps four stories high and at the time of the coming of the Spaniards probably had some 600 inhabitants. Not far from the main highway and but a few miles from Mountainair are the ruins of Abo, one of the early Piro villages which also was abandoned before the Pueblo Revolution of 1680. The ruins lie in a basin that is almost entirely landlocked by the foothills. As one steps over the mountain rampart which incloses the Abo valley on all sides, the vision of the frail walls of the mission is most striking. A more picturesque setting or a nobler ruin than that of the Abo church is difficult to imagine. The church and pueblo were built on a hillcock bounded on one side by the declivities which form the banks of a stream that cuts its way through the canon. The red hue of the sandstone formations both near and in the distance give the ruins a character that is unusual. The church had a length of 129 feet and a width of 43 feet. The mission was built some time between 1625 and 1644, but the pueblo of course is much older. However, more mysterious than either Quarai or Abo are the ruins of Gran Quivira, or more correctly, Tabira. These lie south of Mountainair in a well traveled highway, and in a certain sense are the most notable sight in the Southwest, if not in the United States. Tabira too, is one of "The Cities that Died of Fear," and was also abandoned, in the days before the Revolution of 1680, when the raids of the Comanches struck fear into the hearts of the sedentary

Pueblo Indians. Tabira is situated on top of a limestone hill which appears to be honeycombed with subterranean clefts and cavities. There are spots on the hillside where the sound of a foot-fall awakens a resonance below. It is a favored spot for treasure hunters, who have sunk shafts within the sanctuary as well as within the bounds of the ancient settlement that rambles over the brow of the hill. The blue-gray limestone on which this outpost of Pueblo culture is built differentiates it from the red sandstone pueblos of Abo and Quarai. Tabira is more of the color of the moonlight and its desolation makes it spectral, although of late years settlers have come in from all directions and located homesteads within view of the ruins. There are indications of old irrigation works, but whence the water came, no one knows, for the country round about is dry as a bone. There were two sanctuaries at Tabira, the larger one covering an area of 5000 square feet, the convent being broken into quite a number of isolated cells. The older church was much smaller, but its walls were more carefully laid, being a real piece of primitive stone masonry. Tabira was a Piro settlement and was probably abandoned before the Tewa villages to the north. Many legends, none of them substantiated by historical facts, have sprung up regarding this settlement, yet no one who visits these spectacular remains of primitive settlement long before the coming of the white man, can fail to be deeply impressed and carry away with him a haunting memory of romance and mystery.

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And they really have a soul.
Not enjoyment is their purpose,
As this poem will prove to you.
For the girls have helped this issue
From the start to finish too.
Lives of great men all remind us
Girls can make their lives sublime,
And departing leave behind them
Footsteps on the sands of time.
Therefore, fellows, you remember
That you're not the only ones
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—The Scapilpa.

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A CHRISTIAN BEFORE CHRIST

(By Rev. Thomas B. Gregory in the El Paso Times)

I wish every adult person in our country would read Long's translation of the "Meditations of Marcus Aurelius."

The effect upon the readers would be just the one that is so sorely needed at the present time—a time that may well be pronounced crucial. The "Meditations" were composed in the midst of one of the busiest lives ever lived in this earth, and I must not forget to add, were written without the remotest idea of publication. The author simply put down from day to day his private thoughts about life and the way it should be lived, without dreaming that they would ever come to the eye of the public.

Very wonderful and very beautiful are those thoughts; and, in fact, the preaching, fine as it is, is surpassed by the character and daily living of the preacher.

Many of us know from experience how much easier it is to preach than to practice, but Marcus Aurelius lived as he preached.

We have here a man who was master of the whole world. All power lay in his hands. A word, a nod, from him was sufficient to make his will instantly obeyed from the Pillars of Hercules to the Ganges, and from the Danube to the Great Sahara, and yet he was as humble as a little child.

And so we have the real test—the acid test, they call it. All power lay in his hands. A word, a nod, from him was sufficient to make his will instantly obeyed from the Pillars of Hercules to the Ganges, and from the Danube to the Great Sahara, and yet he was as humble as a little child.

It is easy for the beginner to be humble; but to be all-powerful and humble is quite another matter.

As Shakespeare puts it:

"Oh, it is excellent
To have a giant's strength, but it is
Tyrannous
To use it like a giant."

The great emperor had the "giant's strength" if ever mortal had it; and yet he used it in all humility and meekness, used it not to crush and destroy but to lift up and bless.

Oh Marcus Aurelius, Matthew Arnold's idea of "sweet reasonableness" receives its most perfect practical illustration.

For the first, and almost for the last and only, time in all history the monarch was the servant of the Man, and the throne made to be the instrument of justice and mercy.

With what real pleasure do we recall the following words from the "Meditations": "One man when he has done a service to another, is ready to set it down to his account as a favor conferred. Another is not ready

to do this, but still, in his own mind, he thinks of the man as his debtor, and he knows what he has done. A third does not even know what he has done, but is like a vine which has produced grapes, and which seeks for nothing more after it has once produced its proper fruit. So the true man, when he has done a good act, does not call out for others to come and see, but goes on to produce another act, as the vine goes on to produce again the grapes in their season."

Precisely as the vine produces its grapes, as the fields yield their fruits and flowers, and as the great sun gives out its heat and light, did this noble man perform his thousands of "little unrecorded deeds of kindness and of love."

The fact that he was master of the world and had but to speak in order to have his will obeyed, never for a moment caused him to forget that he was a human being, and that every other human being had sacred rights which he, the powerful emperor, was bound to respect.

Wearing with meekness the purple which destiny had thrown about him, he used his tremendous power as though he was "ever under the Great Taskmaster's eye," and when he stretched himself out to die his last word was—"peace."

In a time of widespread corruption he kept himself clean; surrounded by brutality he was ever compassionate and gentle; affording perhaps, the finest example known to us of human nature's splendid possibilities.

Why is it that the "Meditations of Marcus Aurelius" is not made a textbook in our public schools? Who can measure the amount of good that it would accomplish?

A CLEAN JOKE

"May I hold your palm Olive?"

"Not on your life Buoy!"

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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M., December 20, 1921.

Notice is hereby given that Teresa Baca de Black, for herself and as guardian of Jose Baca and Hermina Baca, infant children of Alex Baca, deceased, of Ciudad, New Mexico, who, on December 25, 1916, made Homestead Entry, No. 027476, for NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 12, and NE 1/4, Section 14, Township 11 N., Range 7 E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof to establish claim to the land above described before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M., on the 7th day of February, 1922.

Claimant names as witnesses: Joseph S. Black and Frank W. Seth, of Huer, N. M., and Quinto Sandoval, and Paul Lopez, of Golden, N. M. ALFREDO LUCERO, Register.

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NOTICE OF SUIT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO WITHIN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA FE.

PAUL C. BOUGH, Plaintiff, No. 9856

vs.

EFFIE M. ROUGH, Defendant.

To The Defendant Above Named:

You are hereby notified that a complaint has been filed against you in the above entitled court, in which the Plaintiff prays that he be granted an absolute divorce from you upon the ground of abandonment.

You are further notified that, unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 17th day of February, 1922, judgment will be rendered against you by default.

The name and address of Plaintiff's Attorney is A. M. Edwards, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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By A. L. SALAS, Deputy.

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1:30	1:37	Antelope	11:30	11:50
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